

Puget Sound Commercial Fisheries Hotline Message **Number 16**

Recorded Friday, October 28th, 2011.

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For the period of October 30th – November 5th all areas are currently closed except as follows:

Area 7 and 7A (San Juan Islands and Point Roberts)

Reef nets will be open from 5 AM to 9 PM daily, continuously through 9PM, Saturday November 12th. Release all Chinook.

Gill nets using 6 ¼ inch minimum mesh size will be open from 7 AM to Midnight Daily; continuously through Midnight, Saturday, November 12th.

Purse seines with a 5-inch strip will be open from 7 AM to 6 PM Daily; continuously through Saturday, November 12th. Release Chinook and Coho. Brailing and recovery boxes are required.

Area 7B (Bellingham Bay)

Gill nets using 6 ¼ inch minimum mesh size will be open from 7 AM Monday, October 31st continuously through 4 PM Friday, November 4th.

Purse seines with a 5-inch strip will be open from 7 AM Monday, October 31st continuously through 4PM Friday, November 4th.

Whatcom Creek Zone (waters east of a line from Post Point to the flashing red light at the west entrance to Squalicum Harbor) is open for both Gill nets and Purse seines from 12:01 AM Monday, October 31st, continuously through 4 PM Friday, December 2nd.

Area 8D (Tulalip Bay) - Waters west of a line from Mission Point to Hermosa Point

Gill nets using 5-inch minimum mesh size will be open on the following dates and times:

5 PM Sunday, October 30th to 9 AM Monday, October 31st

5 PM Monday, October 31st to 9 AM Thursday, November 3rd

5 PM Thursday, November 3rd to 9 AM Friday, November 4th

Purse seines with a 5-inch strip will be open from 7 AM to 6 PM Tuesday, November 1st. Release all Chinook.

Area 10 & 11 (Seattle and Tacoma)

Gill nets using 6 ¼ inch minimum mesh size will be open on the following dates and times:

5 PM Sunday, October 30th to 9 AM Monday, October 31st

4 PM to Midnight Wednesday, November 2nd

Purse seines using 5-inch strip will be open from 7 AM to 6 PM Tuesday, November 1st. Release Chinook and Coho.

Area 12 & 12B (Hood Canal)

Gill nets using 6 ¼ inch minimum mesh size will be open on the following dates and times:

7 AM to 8 PM Monday, October 31st

7 AM to 8 PM Wednesday, November 2nd

“Fishers are advised to check the hotline on Tuesday afternoon for information about fishing for the remainder of the week. State and tribal co-managers may meet on Monday to evaluate run-size and catch to date.”

If you suspect an error in this message, or if you have questions please contact Steve Thiesfeld at (360) 902-2715. Thank you for calling the WDFW hotline for Puget Sound commercial fishing information.

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